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SUBJECT: SECVISIT - LATIN AMERICA: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: A. STATE 84469 B. STATE 84759

1. CUSTOMS, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION

ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE, IN VIEW OF
CAVEATS CONTAINED STATE' S 84469, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO
DIFFICULTIES BULK CLEARANCES AND WAIVER OF VISAS FOR ENTIRE
PARTY. DAVID PATON WILL RECEIVE PASSPORTS AND HANDLE ENTRY/ EXIT
FORMALITIES.

2. ACCOMMODATIONS

A. AMBASSADOR MCBRIDE HAS EXTENDED INVITATION TO SECRETARY AND
MRS. ROGERS, UNDER SECRETARY AND MRS. CASEY, AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DESIGNATE AND MRS. KUBISCH TO STAY AT RESIDENCE. MRS.
MCBRIDE WILL RETURN TO ACT AS HOSTESS. FROM SECURITY POINT OF
VIEW, RESIDENCE HAS ADVANTAGES OVER HOTEL. FULL OFFICE FACILITIES
ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RESIDENCE FOR USE OF SECRETARY ROGERS, HIS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND PERSONAL ASSISTANT. SECURITY AND HOLDING
CONTROL ROOMS CAN BE ESTABLISHED.

B. REMAINDER OF PARTY, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PRESS IF THEY
DESIRE, HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT FIRST- CLASS HOTEL MARIA ISABEL
(SHERATON), LOCATED ADJACENT OT CHANCERY ON PASEO DE LA
REFORMA AT SPECIAL EMBASSY RATE OF US\$13.60 PER SINGLE OR US\$ 16.20
PER DOUBLE. (OTHER EXPENSES, SUCH AS MEALS AND INCIDENTALS ARE
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SAME AS THOSE COSTS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.)

C. VISITORS' CONTROL ROOM WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED AS REQUESTED. FOR SECURITY REASONS, KEYS WILL NOT BE IN DOORS BUT HELD IN CONTROL ROOMS.

D. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ADVISE ROOM ASSIGNMENTS FIVE DAYS IN ADVANCE, AS REQUESTED. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO GIVE YOU THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON.

3. GROUND TRANSPORTATION

A. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEM PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION AS REQUESTED.

B. EMBASSY WILL FURNISH CAR ASSIGNMENTS, NAMES OF ESCORT OFFICERS, ESTIMATED DRIVING TIMES BETWEEN KEY POINTS WHEN MANIFEST IS RECEIVED AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS AGREED UPON.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. POST WILL PROVIDE 24 - HOUR COMMUNICATIONS COVERAGE DURING VISIT, AS REQUESTED.

B. AP TICKER SERVICE AND NEWSPAPERS CAN BE PROVIDED, AS REQUESTED.

5. GIFTS

FSO- 5 M. GORDON JONES IS GIFT OFFICER AND HE WILL ALSO HANDLE THANK- YOU NOTES.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

A. NO LOCAL HOLIDAYS OCCUR DURING PROJECTED VISIT, ALTHOUGH IT FALLS ON WEEKEND OF MEXICO/ US DAVIS CUP MATCHES. WE KNOW OF NO UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE VISIT.

B. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS: POTABLE WATER WILL BE PROVIDED IN SPECIAL BOTTLES AT AMBASSADOR' S RESIDENCE. POTABLE WATER IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN GOOD RESTURANTS IN MEXICO CITY AND IN HOTEL.

C. MEXICO CITY ELECTRIC CURRENT IS 110-115 VOLTS, 50- CYCLES REPEAT 50- CYCLE.

D. RAINY SEASON IS BEGINNING NOW AND IS MARKED BY MODERATE
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TO HEAVY RAINFALL BETWEEN 1500 AND 1800 HOURS ALMOST EVERY DAY, WITH SUNNY SKIES REST OF THE DAY. DAYTIME TEMPERATURES ARE NOW IN THE MID TO HIGH SEVENTIES, WITH TEMPERATURES IN THE FIFTIES AT NIGHT. LIGHTWEIGHT CLOTHING IS RECOMMENDED, ALONG WITH RAINCOATS AND UMBRELLAS.

7. CONTROL OFFICERS

A. OVERALL CONTROL OFFICER IS POLITICAL COUNSELOR, H. FREEMAN MATTHEWS, WHOSE EMBASSY TELEPHONE IS 525-9100, EXTENSION 825 (OFFICE) , EXTENSION 895 (HOME). MR. MATTHEWS' DIRECT LINE TO HIS HOME IS 596-1630.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECT OFFICE IS EXECUTIVE COUNSELOR V. H. DIKEOS, WHOSE EMBASSY TELEPHONE IS 525-9100 , EXTENSION 625 (OFFICE) , EXTENSION 897 (HOME). MR. DIKEOS' DIRECT LINE TO HIS HOME IS 520-3791.
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